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SUBJECT: SUSTAINING PRESSURE ON SYRIA: DUTCH SUPPORT U.S.
POSITION

REF: A. STATE 78006

- [B](#). THE HAGUE 706
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Classified By: ECONOMIC COUNSELOR RICHARD HUFF,
FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

[1](#)1. (C) On April 28, Post conveyed ref A points to Angelique Eijpe, Policy Officer for Syria, Directorate for North Africa and Middle East Affairs, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Post followed up the next day with Eijpe, who said that the GONL shares the U.S. view on the need to maintain pressure on Syria to ensure full compliance with UNSCR 1559 and generally supports the points raised in ref A. Eijpe noted the request for election monitors and financial support to ensure free and fair elections, but made no commitments. However, she said that the request had been forwarded for consideration at a more senior level.

[1](#)2. (C) On support for designation of Hizballah within the EU Clearinghouse process, Eijpe commented that many EU member states were still struggling with the issue of how to deal with the military and political branches of the organization and the possible ramifications of a designation on progress in the Middle East peace process. (NOTE: The Netherlands continues to push for designation of both the military and political branches of Hizballah within the EU Clearinghouse process. See refs B-G for additional reporting. END NOTE.)
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